

# Perez wins inaugural CVAC tourney

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Sports pundits and talking heads love to pinpoint an exact moment when a contest's outcome is unquestionably determined.

They give the particular interchange names like "key play" and "turning point."

Sometimes, to identify a specific moment as the major reason a game ended a certain way is a stretch, at the very least.

Then there was Sunday's final round of the Concho Valley Amateur Championship at Quicksand Golf Course, where the finish couldn't have been any more dramatic if the script was dreamed up in Hollywood.

For all intents and purposes, Lupe Perez thought he was out of contention for the tournament

crown with three holes to go.

When he teed off from hole No. 7 — they played the back nine first, finishing the day on the ninth hole — Perez was two shots back of tournament leader Marshall Brown with two straight pars to play.

Since Brown hits the ball considerably farther than Perez (something the latter will readily concede), the longer holes plays in Brown's favor.

But with one errant stroke, conventional wisdom proved about as reliable as the Academy Awards sticking to its time schedule.

Brown's drive left him 280 yards from the pin, and so he decided to hit for the green with his second shot.

He struck the ball well, but pushed it farther right than he

planned, dropping it into a deep patch of tall grass 40 yards right of the green.

Yet his third shot was even less predictable than his second.

Brown, whose ball was buried in the grass, gave a full swing at the patch of turf, hoping just to get the ball out and close to the putting surface.

Instead, he hit it cleanly, overshooting the green by 25 yards and putting him deep in a bunker.

"The ball just came out great," Brown said later. "I couldn't imagine it coming out that well."

It took him two more shots to get out of the sand and two putts to put the ball in the hole, for a double bogey.

Perez, meanwhile, placed his third shot within two feet of the cup, and so when he tapped in the

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**Lupe Perez putts for par on the 12th hole during Sunday's final round of the Concho Valley Amateur Championship at Quicksand golf course.**